

The Brookings County Times



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November /
December 2019

UPCOMING DATES

Office Closed
for Thanksgiving
November 28-29

4-H Shooting Sports
Safety Training
December 7

Office Closed
for Christmas
December 24 & 25

Brookings County 4-H
Winter Calf Show
December 26 & 27

Youth Science Day
December 30

State Leader's Association
Scholarship Deadline
December 31

Office Closed—New Years
January 1

4-H Shooting Sports Begins
January 4

4-H Robotics
January 19—May 10

Reminder!

Please be sure to write
your thank you notes to
the donors of any awards you
received at Recognition Event.

Your thank you helps us
keep our sponsors support
from year to year by letting
them know how much they
are appreciated!

Welcome to our new Extension Office member!

Join us in welcoming Jessica Hansen to Brookings County 4-H! Jessica and her husband, Dan, live in Brookings with their four children. She is originally from Groton, SD and is alumni of Brown County 4-H. We're all excited to have Jessica join our team in the office!



2019-2020 Shooting Sports Enrollment

Shooting Sports registration is open for the 2019-2020 year. All sign-ups need to be completed online through [FairEntry](#).

Prior to accessing FairEntry, you must be enrolled in 4-H and have an ACTIVE enrollment status (as compared to pending, inactive, or incomplete) within 4-HOnline. (Your 4-HOnline log-in username and password will be the same log-in information used in the FairEntry SS registration platform.) Make sure to select the 4-HOnline sign-in button when logging in. Registration fees are \$25/discipline. The disciplines offered include: bb gun, air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, and archery.

Registration closes Sunday, December 1 at 11:59 pm. There are limited spaces available per class time and discipline. Once you complete your registration, print out your invoice and mail/bring it to the Extension Office with payment. Payment is due by **5:00 pm on Friday, Dec. 6.** to the Brookings County Extension Office, which is located in the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center building. If payment is not received the time-slots will be released and reopened to the waitlist.

The Shooting Sports safety training (for air gun disciplines only [bb-gun, air pistol, air rifle]) will be held December 7, at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Brookings Outdoor Adventure Center Classroom. **First and second year shooters are expected to attend a training and complete a safety test. Third year members and higher may forgo the training, but must complete a safety test.** Participants can sign-up for a testing session via an online sign-up shared from the Extension Office or by coordinating with their instructor for a testing time.

The four H's stand for **HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH**

4-H Leader's Meeting ~ January 13, 2019



The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, January 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Please DO NOT let the title of the organization mislead you. All club leaders, volunteers, and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. *We want your input!*

4-H Robotics

Brookings County 4-H is offering two robotics program sessions beginning in January. A beginner and an intermediate level will be available. The beginner class is recommended for ages 9-11 and the intermediate is available for ages 12 & up.

Meetings run from January through May, 2020 on Sundays or Saturdays. [If your child wishes to participate in the robotics program please register online by Friday December 20.](#) Space is limited to 10 youth per class based on date of enrollment. There is a \$20 fee to cover materials for the course.

BEGINNER SESSION

11:30—1:00 p.m.

ADVANCED SESSION

1:30—3:00 p.m.



2019-2020 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year opened October 1 and runs through September 30, 2020.

Please complete the re/enrollment process on [4-HOnline](#) in order to be an active member for the 2019-20 4-H year. In order to enroll in 4-H, youth must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2020. Youth cannot be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2020.

[New year enrollment opened online October 1, 2019.](#)

If you have been enrolled in 4-H before, please do not create a new profile. Login with your family's 4-HOnline credentials, and re-enroll for the new 4-H year.

(Independent members should submit their \$3 [\$3.50 for horse project participants] insurance dues to the office.)



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4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

New Community Service Project—Teens for Jeans

No one should be without their favorite pair of jeans! This community service project was selected by the delegates in attendance of the 2019 Teen Leadership Conference. The project strives to ensure that no one has to go without a pair of jeans.

4-H members and volunteers in Brookings County are encouraged to participate in and promote the community service project by donating new or gently used jeans of all sizes to the Extension Office drop-off. If they are donated somewhere within the community (at a non-resale location); please make sure to record how many pairs were donated and report it to the Extension Office to measure our community impact.



2020 South Dakota 4-H Capitol Day—January 15

4-H members, parents, volunteers, and professionals are invited to join South Dakota 4-H for a day of capitol tours, committee and session observation, networking with our states' legislators, 4-H promotion and more.

Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. on January 15 at the South Dakota Capitol Building in Pierre. The final check-in is at 11:00 a.m. and the ice cream social with legislators begins at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to wear **Green** and/or **4-H Gear!**

Participants are responsible for their own travel and expenses. (The office will help coordinate transportation if a large enough group registers to attend.)

Please contact the Brookings County Extension Office to register by December 17, 2019.

2020 National 4-H Conference: March 28 - April 2

The National 4-H Conference is a premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members, ages 16 – 19, across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by the National 4-H Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Held annually, except for several years during World War II, the camp's mission is to assist in the development of the next generation's leaders. Delegates attend training workshops, become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders.

Applications are now being accepted from SD 4-H members, ages 16-18, that would like to take part in this nationwide learning opportunity. Applications are due January 1, 2020 and will be reviewed by a selection committee prior to delegate announcement. The National 4-H Conference trip is sponsored and fully funded by the SD 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund.

Contact the Brookings County Extension Office for application materials.





Black Hills Stock Show Foundation Scholarship

The BHSSF foundation looks to support students furthering their education in Agriculture. Applicants must be planning to attend a post-secondary accredited institution, including technical institutes, preferably located in the five states referenced above, and understand that the scholarship will be disbursed directly to the institution.

[Scholarship requirements and application information can be found on the BHSS Foundation Website.](#)

Applications MUST be postmarked or received at the BHSSF office no later than Midnight, December 10th.
444 Mt. Rushmore Road N. Rapid City, SD 57701



State 4-H Leaders Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available through the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Association. They offer \$25 for TLC, 4-H Camp Poinsett, Livestock Judging Camp, Performing Arts Camp, and Camp Bob Marshall. (\$50 is available to those who attended Performing Arts or TLC camp, if they speak with **two** 4-H groups about your experience.)

There is a simple application to be filled out and you will need to tell a 4-H group all about your camping experience. Have the leader sign off that you have given your talk and mail/email the form to the SD Leaders. The application is available in the office or online: <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com>

Form must be received or postmarked by December 31 (be mindful of holidays when requesting signatures)
to: Paula Linke, Executive Secretary, SD 4-H Leaders Association 39833 233rd St, Woonsocket SD 57385

Science of Agriculture

Enrollment is open for the South Dakota 4-H Science of Agriculture program. The program is designed to engage middle and high school youth in exploring and developing science-based solutions to agricultural challenges. Youth not only work to identify and develop solutions to agricultural challenges in their community, but they are encouraged to engage and educate community members about the topic.

Youth work closely with an adult coach throughout the process and are paired with industry and university mentors who provide topic expertise. Upon completion of their project, participants attend a statewide event to present their 4-H Science of Agriculture projects. Their projects will be evaluated by a team of industry and university professionals.

Youth interested in the program will complete a program interest form which will be available at www.extension.sdstate.edu shortly.

For a project timeline and additional information refer to the Quick Start Guide on the SDSU Extension website, or contact Christine Wood at Christine.Wood@sdstate.edu.

You can also view their promotional videos at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oDxjr9SXE4&feature=youtu.be> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_PYBcprOcw&feature=youtu.be



Have you spotted all the **leaves** yet?

We knew Autumn had arrived when all of the leaves began to turn beautiful colors. Unfortunately, we all know what those fall colors mean....lots of raking! Those pesky leaves seem to get everywhere, including in our newsletter! Scattered through-out the pages of this newsletter are leaves of all colors and sizes. Review it carefully, and once you think you have found them all, send your number guess to sonia.mack@sdstate.edu with the subject line “**Hidden Leaves**”.

Anyone who guesses correctly will be entered in a drawing to win 4-H gear from the Extension Office. Drawings will be held at the end of the month and announced on our Facebook page and in the November newsletter.

You are eligible to enter every month even if you have won in the past!

Our October winner was Sara Olson!



Youth Science Day—December 30

This October, 4-H launched the 2019 National Youth Science Day challenge, Game Changers. Designed by Google and West Virginia Extension service, Game Changers uses physical activity and puzzles to teach kids important CS concepts and problem-solving skills. It creates real-world connections between computer science and civic engagement, healthy living and agriculture.

Youth Science Day will be held at the Brooking Outdoor Adventure Center on December 30 at 1:30 p.m. It is open to anyone age 8-14 regardless of 4-H membership. The registration link opens Nov. 20 and will be shared on Facebook.



Follow Brookings County 4-H on Social Media!

Miss out on any 4-H updates or news?

Want to see pictures from programs and events?

Wish you could share your experience from a recent 4-H opportunity?

Check out all the places Brookings County 4-H hangs out online!

Find Brookings County 4-H on:

Facebook [@brookings4H](https://www.facebook.com/brookings4H)

Instagram [@brookingscounty4hsdsuextension](https://www.instagram.com/brookingscounty4hsdsuextension)

Pinterest [@Brookings County 4-H](https://www.pinterest.com/BrookingsCounty4H)

